



Substitute House Bill No. 5478

Public Act No. 06-92

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL RETARDATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Mental Retardation shall, within available appropriations, solicit input from clients and families receiving services provided by the department, advocates of persons with mental retardation and other interested parties, regarding a name change for the Department of Mental Retardation and shall submit a report of the commissioner's findings and recommendations, including the cost of any recommended name change, to the Governor, the Office of Policy and Management and the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health, not later than January 1, 2007, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) The absence of a diagnosis of, or reference to, mental retardation, intellectual disability or developmental disability within an individual's school records or medical records shall not preclude the Department of Mental Retardation from making a finding of mental retardation, as defined in section 1-1g of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes.

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